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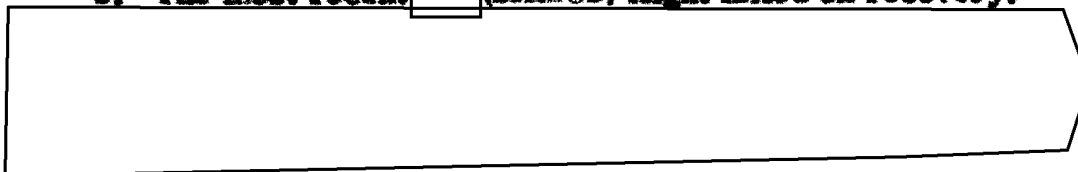
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Current Notes on Satellite Operations

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The most recent (SAMOS) flight failed on recovery.



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3. The last two CORONA flights have shown fogging marks which have impaired somewhat the quality of the intelligence obtainable from the film. Similar fogging, but very much less marked, has been observed on earlier flights.

4. A meeting was held today with representatives of Lockheed as well as NPIC and OSA to investigate the seriousness of the situation and determine the status of corrective action. A more detailed report of this session will be forwarded separately. However, as a result of these discussions it was decided to stand down the forthcoming CORONA flights until such a time as complete ground tests under vacuum conditions can be successfully carried out on a repetitive basis and/or until the cause of the difficulty can be corrected. A vigorous program has been under way since the phenomenon was first observed to determine the difficulties.

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